

# Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

## HURRICANES GUSTAV and IKE

### SITUATION REPORT # 8

1500 Hours 18 September 2008

*New information in bold italic font*

#### SUMMARY

Recovery and rescue operations continue along the Texas and Louisiana Coasts after Hurricane Ike made landfall early Saturday morning, 13 September, near Galveston Texas. Ike left a path of destruction as it continued on its northerly rampage through Texas and Louisiana causing widespread damage and power outages. Recovery efforts also continue in Louisiana and the Gulf Coast Region after Hurricane Gustav made landfall on 1 September near Houma, Louisiana. Virginia continues to support this effort by deployment of State and local resources through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) and is poised to respond to additional requests from states that were impacted.

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION

##### **EOC Activation**

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) is at Routine Operations and continues to monitor and respond to EMAC requests from states impacted by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

##### **Protective Actions**

Governor Kaine activated the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) on Friday, 29 August, directing State agencies and organizations to identify resources that they could deploy to help Gulf Coast states prepare and respond to impacts from Hurricane Gustav. Governor Timothy M. Kaine gave verbal authorization on 10 September to amend Executive Order 75 to include EMAC response for Hurricane Ike.

***In an effort to increase the supply of gasoline in the Commonwealth of Virginia following the disruption in the normal flow of petroleum products caused by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike, Governor Kaine waived certain specifications that prescribe volatility standards for gasoline. [Executive Order # 75](#); [Executive Order #77 \(2008\)](#); [Press Release-Actions to Address Gas Supplies, Price Gouging Complaints](#)***

#### WEATHER

##### **Forecast**

***Thursday, 18 September: Mostly sunny; high temps mid 70's to low 80's; north-northeast winds 7 to 16 MPH. Thursday night: Partly cloudy; low temp's upper 40's to low 60's; winds east-northeast 5 to 15 MPH. Friday, 19 September: Mostly sunny; high temps mid 70's; east – northeast winds 5 to 24 MPH. Friday night: Partly cloudy; low temps mid 40's to upper 50's; east-northeast winds 5 to 17 MPH.***

#### OPERATIONS SECTION

##### **ESF 5 – Emergency Management**

VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) continues to support EMAC Missions deployed from State Agencies and Local Jurisdictions to the Gulf Coast Region to support recovery efforts. VDEM issued Limited Exemption of Hours Worked for transportation of fuel on 12 September. ***VEOC continues to monitor fuel situation throughout the Commonwealth and on 18 September polled local jurisdictions for confirmed gasoline shortages; extraordinary high fuel prices (\$5 per gallon or higher; abnormally long lines at fueling stations; and anticipated local fuel shortages. As of 1400 hrs, 18 September, 23 localities responded reporting no***

***confirmed shortages, no extraordinary high fuel prices, no abnormally long lines and no anticipated local fuel shortages.***

- ESF 10 – Oil & Hazardous Materials Response** VA Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ)  
Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) request to the US EPA for reformulated gasoline requirements was approved effective 12 September through 26 September.
- ESF 11 – Agriculture and Natural Resources** VA Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)  
***30 experienced VDACS inspectors are working across the Commonwealth to respond to more than 2,000 calls about possible gas price gouging received by the VDACS Division of Consumer Protection since Virginia felt Hurricane Ike's impact***
- ESF 12 – Energy** VA Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME)  
***Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy had no reports of widespread fuel supply outages or lines at service stations on 17 September and continues to monitor the fuel situation in the Commonwealth.*** DMME reports that both petroleum pipelines serving the Commonwealth are operational but under partial volume.  
***Governor Kaine waived certain specifications that prescribe volatility standards for gasoline on 17 September in response to requests for waiver of lower vapor pressure gasoline from DMME and VDEQ.***
- LOGISTICS SECTION**
- ESF 1 – Transportation** Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)  
Virginia Department of Transportation, Salem, provided fuel on 31 August to New Jersey State Police Swift Water Rescue Team en-route to Louisiana. VDOT and DMV issued Waiver of Weight restrictions for transportation of fuel on 12 September.
- ESF 4 – Firefighting** Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF)  
A 15 person VDOF Type II Incident Management Team deployed on 15 September to support the Texas Forest Service through EMAC. ***4 VDOF personnel will deploy on Monday, 22 September, as part of a Federal Urban Assessment Team through a federal pilot program funded by a US Forest Service grant.***
- ESF 7 – Resource Support** VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)  
The Logistics Section and VDEM Emergency Management Assistance Compact Coordinator continue to monitor EMAC requests coming from the Gulf States. Statewide broadcasts are being sent out to local jurisdictions and State agencies reference these requests.
- ESF 9 – Search and Rescue** VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)  
VA Urban Search and Rescue Teams (USAR), Task Force 1, Fairfax County, deployed to Cameron Parish LA on 11 September. Task Force 2, VA Beach, deployed to Galveston TX on 11 September to assist in Search and Rescue Operations. ***Task Force 1 returned to Fairfax County on 18 September and Task Force 2 demobilized on 17 September and is scheduled to return to VA Beach on 19 September.***
- ESF 13 – Public Safety and Security** VA Department of Game & Inland Fisheries (DGIF)  
***21 person DGIF Task Force that deployed to Jennings, LA on 12 September to support the LA Department of Wildlife and Fishers in rescue operations returned to Virginia on 18 September.***
- ESF 16 – Military Affairs** Virginia Army National Guard (VANG)  
The 9 person VANG Planning Unit deployed to Camp Beauregard demobilized and returned to Virginia on 14 September and the 4 person VANG Planning Unit deployed to the National Guard Bureau returned home on 16 September.

## **PLANNING SECTION**

### ***ESF 5 – Situation Unit***

Preparing Situation Reports; monitoring WebEOC entries; maintaining situational awareness.

***Next Situation Report will be issued on Monday, 22 September 2008, around 1500 hours***

## **LOCALITIES**

### ***Shenandoah County***

EMAC Mission – 2 Sheriff's Office personnel and vehicles deployed to Livingston Parish LA on 12 September to support law enforcement; length of deployment 14 days

### ***Prince William County***

EMAC Mission – 10 Police Department personnel and vehicles deployed to Livingston Parish LA on 12 September to support law enforcement; length of deployment 14 days

### ***Fairfax County***

EMAC Mission – 1 EMAC A Team member deployed to FEMA Headquarters on 17 September to support National EMAC Operations at the National Coordination Center

### ***City of Alexandria***

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